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for a train

Ans. - Feb. 14, 1861

My dear Bishop

I have this Ev. recd. yours
of the 12th - I remember hearing
that somebody had been to Mr
Pauelli's house after every one had gone
to bed - But nobody went to the
door & it was not known who it was
or what was wanted - It is a very
prettifying instance of the power of di-
vine grace -

As to Gillette I know nothing at
all - pro or con - I do not under-
stand things at Peoria - Judge Mitchell
& Dr. Lacey write, y - know - & I am sure
& recommended Mr. May - The other

day Litch was here - I said that
the letter to me was written with
the expectation that I would recom-
mend them to recall him - as he
was prepared to give up his connection
with the public schools for that purpose.
I said their letter intimated no such
thing - & if they desired such a thing
they should have said so. My idea
is that Litch is not in their secret -
that they wish to save his feelings, but
get some one else - They need a
minister there of good abilities - &
point of intelligence they are about
like the Dayton congregation - Wallace
I don't say would do well there -
we have now Milbrough, Cudville
Piquet & Tiffin to get supplied - we
must not think of any additional
ship enterprise under present cir-

cumstances - I got Yen Brock to
have a Collection for our Committee
the Sunday after he was there - I do
not know what he got - but I doubt
not it was very small - Next Sunday
I preached for the Committee at P. Piquet,
& made a collection - The quarterly
meeting will soon come when
we must take measures for means.
The Sec. of the Cudville Ch. writes
that they are so much discouraged
as to doubt whether they can keep
up their organization - He alludes
to some special discouragements but
avoids saying what they are - Mr
Magill has not said any thing to
me - He has done it so often that
I suppose he feels anxious to coming
again with difficulties - Probably he
had better leave - I hear from good
people who attend there that the oppor-

unity is very good for a good con-
gregation, but not under him -
that he is very un-directed, as I know
he is - & constantly shows it - makes
no preparation for his sermons - &
often says things that grossly offend
their sense of propriety - I think
if Mr. Melby shall cease at Easter, of
which I believe there is a probability
& Melby should resign I we could
get Mr. Griffin - who used to be at Gam-
bier - (his discourse with some heart)
to take both & unite them in one,
he could be supported with very
little outside aid at first - & soon
entirely from within - Suppose you
ask Mr. Wheaton what he thinks
Griffin would say to such a proposal
Charles wishes we had had such good
preaching as they have at G -
Yours W. C. P. A.